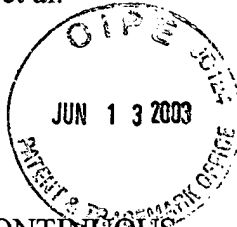


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**PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE EXTENSION OF TIME**  
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Pursuant to Patent Office Rule 1.136 (a), applicant's attorney on behalf of applicant hereby respectfully requests that a retroactive extension of one month, namely, until June 13, 2003, be granted for filing a response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2003.

Applicant has provided the fee for the one month extension of time petition in the amount of \$110.00. Should there be any additional fees required, applicant requests the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office charge the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 04-1679, Billing No. D0932-00252. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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